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On Our MARC:

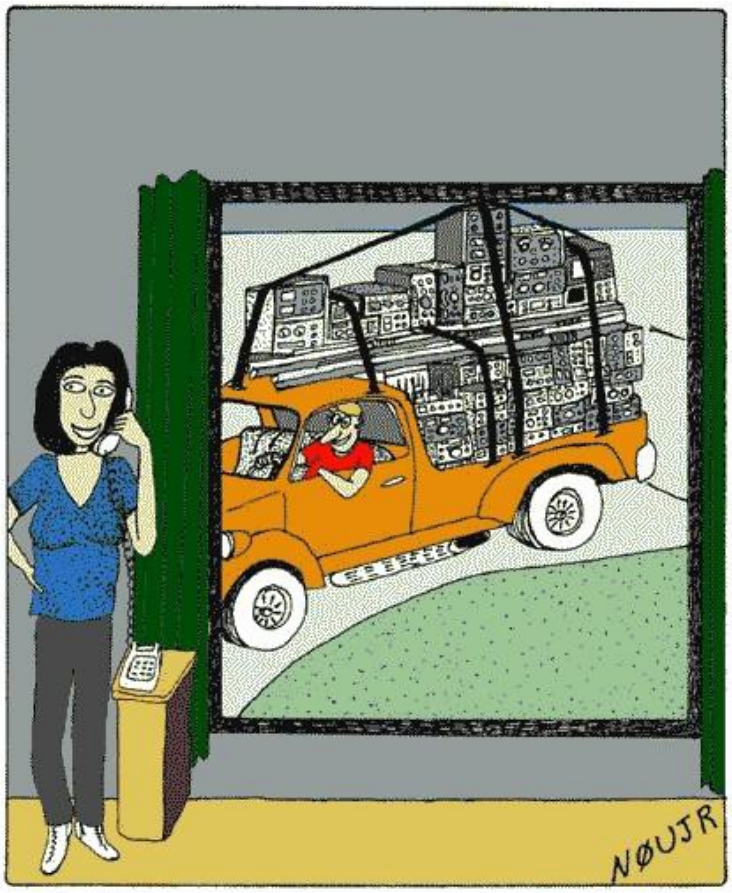
This month is our annual picnic. This year, it will be held at Craig Park Shelter #1 in Greenwood on Saturday, September 20. There will be a Foxhunt at 9 am, followed by the picnic at 11 am. Bring a dish to share. See you Saturday.

Tim,

WC9G

September Birthdays

K0EMT - Bryan Nehl
KD9RUD - Ellen Brock
KD9RUE - Gordon Brock
N9LXZ - Keath Rhymer



"No Rick went to the ham auction this afternoon, to get rid of a couple old radios that were cluttering up the place...Oh I think I hear him pulling in now!"

…... Thanks Chris, KQ9Y

Weather Ops-ervations

by KC9NJM

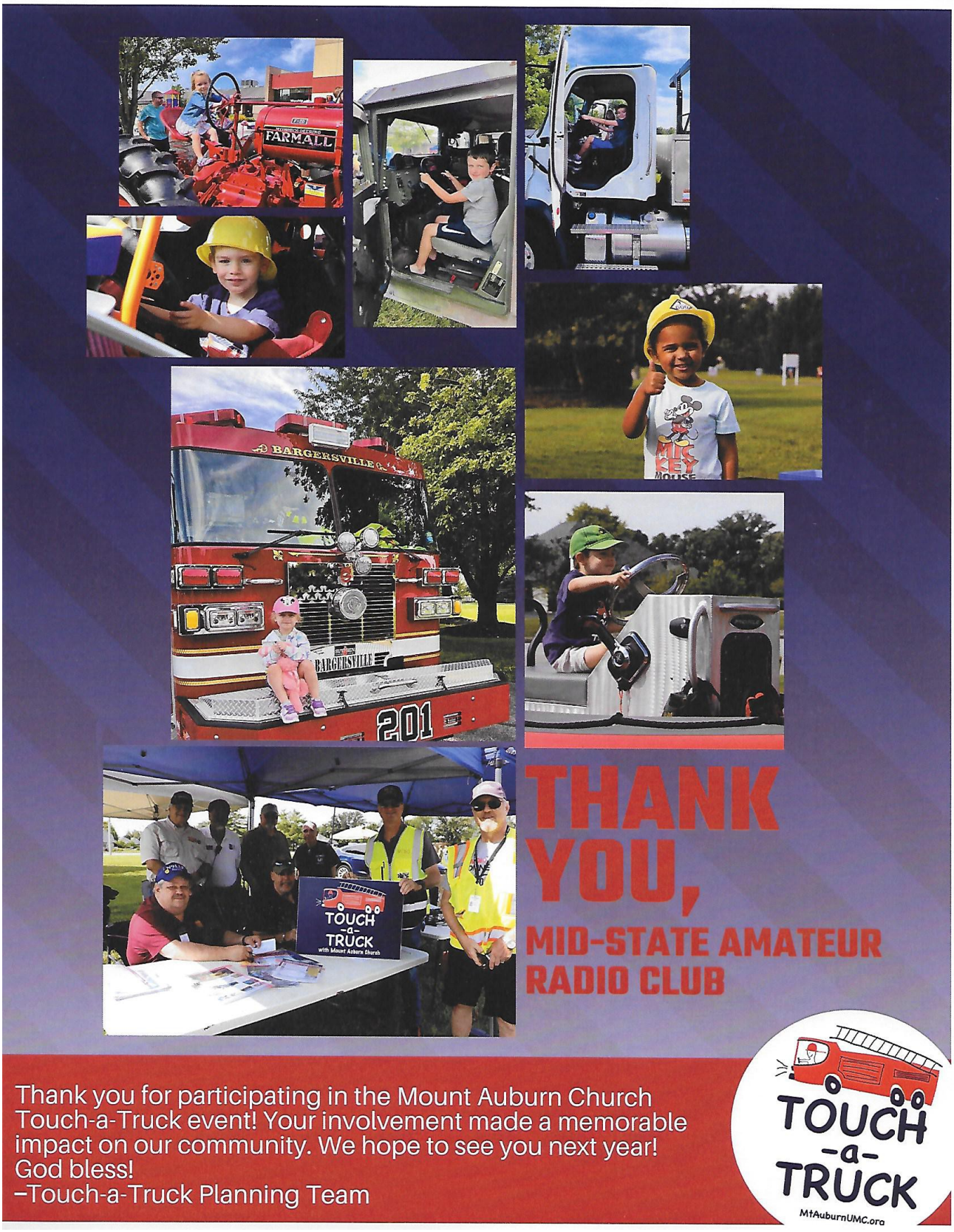
The National Weather Service defines drought as a deficiency of precipitation over an extended period of time. The condition can occur quickly; brought on by extreme temperatures or wind and can range from a few weeks to many months.The results can be wide-ranging and may include crop damage, wildfires, water shortages, create economic impact, and more.

Currently, 64.3% of the State of Indiana is rated as abnormally dry on the U.S. Drought Monitor map released on 11 September 2025. 12.0% is shown as being in moderate drought. Due in part to the precipitation patterns seen this spring and summer, Johnson Co. is not showing dry conditions and is actually up over 6” in total rainfall through the first eight months of the year. However, August 2025 was very dry with a rainfall total falling 1.8” below the annual average.

The forecast for the next week calls for above normal temperatures and very little precipitation, so dryness and drought conditions could change. The U.S. Climate Prediction Center has placed the southern two-thirds of Indiana at risk for what is known as a flash drought or the rapid intensification of drought for the period September 16-22, 2025.

A valuable resource for drought information and the current conditions in Indiana and across the country can be found at www.drought.gov. New drought maps are posted each Thursday at 7:00 a.m. and are considered current through the following Tuesday.

Sources: www.drought.gov, www.weather.gov, www.wishtv.com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TOUCH -a- TRUCK
with Mount Auburn Church
THANK YOU,
MID-STATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Thank you for participating in the Mount Auburn Church Touch-a-Truck event! Your involvement made a memorable impact on our community. We hope to see you next year! God bless!
–Touch-a-Truck Planning Team
TOUCH -a- TRUCK
MtAuburnUMC.org

Thanks to all MARC Members and friends that helped with Touch-A-Truck at Mt. Auburn Church August 2nd , 2025.

MARC 2025 TAILGATER HAMFEST

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There are more pics of this event on midstatehams.org.

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2025 Hamfests List

10/11/2025 - Hoosier Hills Hamfest

- Location: Bedford, IN
- Address: Lawrence County 4-H Fairgrounds
- 11265 US-50
- Bedford, IN 47421
- Talk-In: 146.73- PL/107.2
- Sponsor: Hoosier Hills Ham Club
- Website: https://hoosierhillshamfest.com

10/18/2025 - Shelbyville Tailgate

`Confirmed`

- Location: Shelbyville, IN
- Address: Shelby County Fairgrounds
- 500 Frank St
- Shelbyville, IN 46176
- Talk-In: 145.48- 88.5pl
- Website: https://brvars.com/

11/15-16/2025 - Ft Wayne Hamfest

- `Confirmed`

- Location: Fort Wayne, IN
- Address: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum

- 4000 Parnell Ave
- Fort Wayne, IN 46805
- Talk-In: 146.88-
- Website: http://www.acarts.com/hfmain.htm

- **11/29/2025 WVARA Turkeyfest**
- Location: Brazil, IN
- Address: Clay County Fairgrounds
- 6550 N SR 59
- Brazil, IN
- Talk-In 146.685- 151.4PL
- Sponsor: Wabash Valley ARA
- Website: W9UUU.org

CLUB DUES FOR 2025

It is that time of year for your membership dues for the Mid-State Amateur Radio Club. The annual membership dues is $25.00 per year and has not changed from last year.

This also a good time to update any of your information for club records such as license upgrade, change of address, contact information or call sign.

This is also a good opportunity for new amateurs to join our club and join in our club activities for 2025.

Please see Jacki Frederick, KI6QOG M.A.R.C. Treasurer

MID-STATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets the THIRD SATURDAY 8:00 AM of each month at the Johnson County REMC building 750 International Dr. Franklin, IN 46131
Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be a *HAM* to attend our meetings or a member of the club.
See our website, www.midstatehams.org, for maps on how to get to our meeting.

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Weekly Net: Sunday evening 7:00 PM ARES members and ALL RADIO AMATURES
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